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MEMORANDUM TO: Executive for Inspection and Security

SUBJECT : Comment on Proposed CIA Memorandum, subject  
"Release or Disclosure of Classified or Unclassified  
CIA Intelligence or Information to the Congress of  
the United States"

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

1. While it appears that the proposed directive is primarily a matter that concerns the Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination and that strictly speaking, it does not appear to come within the scope of GRS functions, the following general comments are offered.

a. The proposed memorandum purports to place in the hands of the Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination the responsibility for executing the policies of the Director in relation to responding to requests for intelligence from members of Congress. In paragraph 4, it sets forth the policy of the Director for the guidance of the Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination.

b. It is noted that by paragraph 4 a, the Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination cannot take action on any request for intelligence of a security classification higher than restricted except with the specific approval in each instance of the Director of CIA or members of his immediate staff. It would seem, therefore, that the provisions of paragraph 4 a effectively prevent the Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination in acting on these requests in accordance with a broad policy and that in the great majority of cases, each item must be acted on in detail by the Director of CIA or the members of his immediate staff.

c. It would appear, therefore, that the Assistant Director for Collection and Dissemination is given insufficient latitude to carry out the broad functions set forth in the other parts of the proposed memorandum. In view of the restrictions set forth in paragraph 4 a, it seems doubtful that a memorandum on this subject is necessary. If it is thought, however, that a memorandum is still necessary and the restrictions imposed by paragraph 4 a are


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to remain in force, it might be better to frame a memorandum that simply states that requests for information from members of Congress will in each instance be referred for decision to the Director of CIA.

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